



Institute of Chinese Studies - Ananta Centre

CHINA SYMPOSIA SERIES

**In collaboration with School of International Relations and Strategic Studies (SIRSS),
Jadavpur University, Kolkata**

**India and China as Rising Powers in the World Order: Influences of
History and Culture**

As rising powers on the world stage, India and China share many similarities as well as differences. The history and culture of each country has influenced not only its own destiny, but that of the other, and will continue to do so. This Seminar unravels this complex web of influences, to reveal the many levels of inter-connection between India and China. This should contribute—the organisers hope—to the fuller understanding as well as evolution of the India-China relationship.

Date- Thursday, 14 September 2017

Time- 1400 hrs-1700 hrs

Venue- Vivekananda Hall, Gate No. 4, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Session 1

14:00 - 14:05	Welcome Remarks Director, SIRSS, Jadavpur University
14:05 – 14:15	Introducing the <i>China Symposia</i> and the Seminar Theme Ravi Bhoothalingam, Treasurer & Honorary Fellow, ICS
14:15- 15:30	China and India: Strategic Interface and Cultural Connection
	Moderator- Amb. Krishnan Srinivasan, Former Foreign Secretary, India
Presenters:	1.Reinventing Heritage: Emerging Interfaces of India-China Cultural Exchange Sabaree Mitra, Professor, JNU and Honorary Fellow, ICS

	2. Contending Strategic Cultures (tentative title) Anindya Jyoti Majumder, Professor, Jadavpur University
	3- Culture and History of Chindia: कल- आज - कल ZHANG Jianxin, Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of China
	Discussion
15:30- 15:45	Coffee/Tea Break

Session 2

15:45-16:50	India and China: The Dimensions of Engagement
	Moderator – Lt General J R Mukherjee PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) and Vice President, Centre for Eastern and North Eastern Regional Studies, Kolkata (CENERS-K)
Presenters:	1. How Language shapes Thought in India and China Ravi Bhoothalingam, Honorary Fellow, ICS
	2. Sino-Indian Strategic Juxtaposition in the Emerging Global Order Dr. Binoda Kumar Mishra, Director, Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD)
	3- India and China: Choosing to Engage (Tentative Title) Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies
	Discussion
16:50 - 17:00	Conclusion and Vote of Thanks Director, Ananta Centre

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Profiles of Speakers



Ravi Bhoothalingam

Founder and Chairman of Manas Advisory and Honorary Fellow, ICS

Ravi Bhoothalingam is Founder and Chairman of Manas Advisory, a Consultancy practice focusing on Leadership Coaching as well as on business and cultural relations with China, Mongolia and Myanmar. He is Treasurer and Honorary Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi. Ravi is a B.Sc Hons in Physics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi and holds a Masters degree [M.A. Cantab] in Experimental Psychology from Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University, guided by the renowned Sinologist and scientist Joseph Needham. He also holds an AMP from Harvard. Ravi Bhoothalingam serves on the Boards of several companies in India. Earlier, he held senior positions in industry including as President of Oberoi Hotels and Head of Personnel Worldwide of BAT Industries plc. Ravi has traveled extensively in China and its neighbourhood. He is a member of the Joint Study Group examining the feasibility of a Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor. Ravi sits on the Editorial Boards of China Report and World Affairs. His interests also cover Confucianism, Sino-Indian business ties, and adventure travel in the remote regions of China. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, London, and a member of the Court of Governors of the Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, India.



Sabaree Mitra

Professor, JNU and Honorary Fellow, ICS

Prof. Sabaree Mitra has been teaching Chinese Language, Literature and Culture in Jawaharlal Nehru University, since 1990. Her basic training has been in Chinese Language and Literature and her research interest includes contemporary Chinese Literature and Criticism, Chinese Cultural History, India-China Cultural Relations and Regional Interaction. She has been awarded Research Fellowship by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation in 1997 and ASIA Fellows Award by Asian Scholarship Foundation in 2006. Prof. Mitra has presented papers in national and international conferences, and has published in peer-reviewed academic journals of international repute.

Her books include Purbadiganter Kabita: Samakaleen tin china kabir ek jhalak (2002), a collection of contemporary Chinese poetry translated into Bengali, Literature and Politics in 20 th century China: Issues and Themes (2005), Chinese Women Writers and Gender Discourse (1976-1996) (2008), and, India and China: Intercultural Perspectives, Essays in Honour of Tan Chung, (Ed.) (2013) coedited with Patricia Uberoi and Manoranjan Mohanty. In the recent years her interdisciplinary work has explored themes such as: "Difference in Similarity OR Similarity in Difference: Translating to/from Chinese Interculturally", "Making of a 'People's Culture': Discourse & Praxis in China", "The Chinese Experience of Theorizing Women through Intercultural Dialogue: Contribution of Li Xiaojiang", "Tagore and Bengal's Social Modernity: Bringing Women to the Cultural Mainstream", "Cultural Interaction through Multiple Agencies: Indian Dance in People's Republic of China", "Religious Tourism in BCIM Countries: Prospects and Challenges", "'Geo-civilizational' as Framework of Regional Interaction: The Chinese Strategy" and "Using Culture as a Strategy of Community Development: Shared Heritage of BCIM Region".

Prof. Sabaree Mitra is an Honorary Fellow in the Institute of Chinese Studies, and a member of the Editorial Board of China Report. She was the Chairperson of the Indian Expert Group that compiled the Encyclopedia of India-China Cultural Contacts on behalf of the Ministry of External Affairs, GOI, in collaboration with Chinese scholars; the Encyclopedia was released in 2014. She is also a Member of the Joint Study Group of the BCIM Economic Corridor instituted by the Ministry.



Zhang jianxin

Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of China

Mr. Zhang jianxin, Once studied in the Oriental Language and Literature Department of Beijing University, worked with China Pictorial, Art Exhibitions China, National History Museum of China, Fellow of Andrew Mellon Foundation, State Administration of Cultural Heritage of China. At present, Cultural Counselor in the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in India.



Dr. Anindya Jyoti Majumdar

Professor, Jadavpur University

Dr. Anindya Jyoti Majumdar did his graduation from Presidency College, Kolkata, and earned his post-graduate and PhD degrees from the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, where he specialized in Disarmament Studies. He has been a research consultant with the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi, and at present is a professor in the Department of International Relations at Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Former Director of the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies at Jadavpur University, Dr. Majumdar was also a visiting professor at the Richard Walker Institute of International and Area Studies of University of South Carolina, USA, under the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship program. He has attended a number of national and international academic schedules at home and abroad and contributed research papers to journals and compendiums. He has also authored and edited books on foreign policy, security issues, forced migration and international relations.



Dr. Binoda Kumar Mishra

Director, Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD)

Dr. Binoda Kumar Mishra is the Director of Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD). Previously, he was a fellow at MAKAIAS and a visiting fellow at Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta. He was a guest faculty at the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies (IFPS) and at Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Calcutta. He is a Member of Board of Examiners for "Institute of Foreign Policy Study Studies," University of Calcutta. He has also worked at Centre for Market Research and Social Development, New Delhi and Vision Foundation for Development Management, New Delhi. Dr. Mishra has completed PhD and MPhil in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University. He was also a visiting Fellow at Institute of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, Kunming, China, under an exchange programme. Dr. Mishra has written several articles on China and has worked on a project titled "Sino-Indian Competition for Strategic Space in South and Southeast Asia."



Dr. Sreeradha Dutta

Dr Sreeradha Datta specializes in research and policy outputs connected with India's neighbourhood and India's linkages with Southeast Asia, as well as the India's internal security situation focusing on Indian Northeast. She has been director, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata till recently and prior to this was Fellow with Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

She has been recipient of *International Leadership Visitors Programme*, at USA, US State Department and awarded the Shelton Kodikara Award for South Asian Strategic Studies, *Distinguished Indian Scholar Series University of Taiwan* besides several other fellowships. Her publications include, *Caretaking Democracy: Political Process in Bangladesh, 2006-08, Bangladesh: A Fragile Democracy, The Northeast Complexities and its Determinants, Changing Dynamics in Southeast Asia, Drug Menace in South Asia: Pakistan connections, an Occasional Paper*, co-edited volumes on *Political Economy of India's North-East Border, Changing Security Dynamics in South East Asia and Northeast Border Trade* besides over 100 articles in journals, edited volumes and newspaper and academic websites.

She is a regular participant in several track two dialogues. She is also a regular resource person for National Defence College, Foreign Service institute, Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy, Integrated Defence Staff, Directorate of Intelligence Agency, Indian Army and Para military forces, and various think tanks and universities. She is on the academic committee for several state and national Universities presently as well.

Profiles of Moderators



Amb. Krishnan Srinivasan

Krishnan Srinivasan has a degree in history from Oxford, and was ambassador to several countries before becoming foreign secretary. Subsequently he was deputy secretary-general of the Commonwealth from 1995 to 2002. He was then a fellow of Cambridge, Leiden and Uppsala universities and honorary professor at ASCI Hyderabad. He has written several books and articles on international relations.



Lt Gen J R Mukherjee, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) and Vice President, CENERS-K

Lt Gen J R Mukherjee, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), completed his education at Kolkata from La Martiniere College. He is an alumnus from the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla, Staff College Camberly, UK, and the National Defence College, New Delhi, besides having done many other career courses of instruction and been an instructor at the College of Combat, Mhow. He was commissioned into the Assam Regiment in 1964 and retired from Army service in 2004 as the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Eastern Command. During his service career, he had commanded three battalions, a mountain brigade, a mountain division, 15 Corps in Kashmir during the latter part of the Kargil Conflict onwards; and had served at staff appointments at Army, Command and Corps Headquarters besides having been Head of the Indian Training Team at Botswana Africa. He is well known for his knowledge of India's North East and Kashmir having served in these regions extensively and with regard to China having dealt with the PLA for almost his entire career. He had authored a series of articles published on the Editorial pages of the Statesman newspaper in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and one book in 2006, titled 'An

Insiders Experience of Insurgency in India's North East' and has just completed writing the History of the ASSAM Regiment. He is currently the Vice President (Operations) of the Research Centre for Eastern and North Eastern Regional Studies (CENERS-K) Kolkata.